

First Presbyterian Church

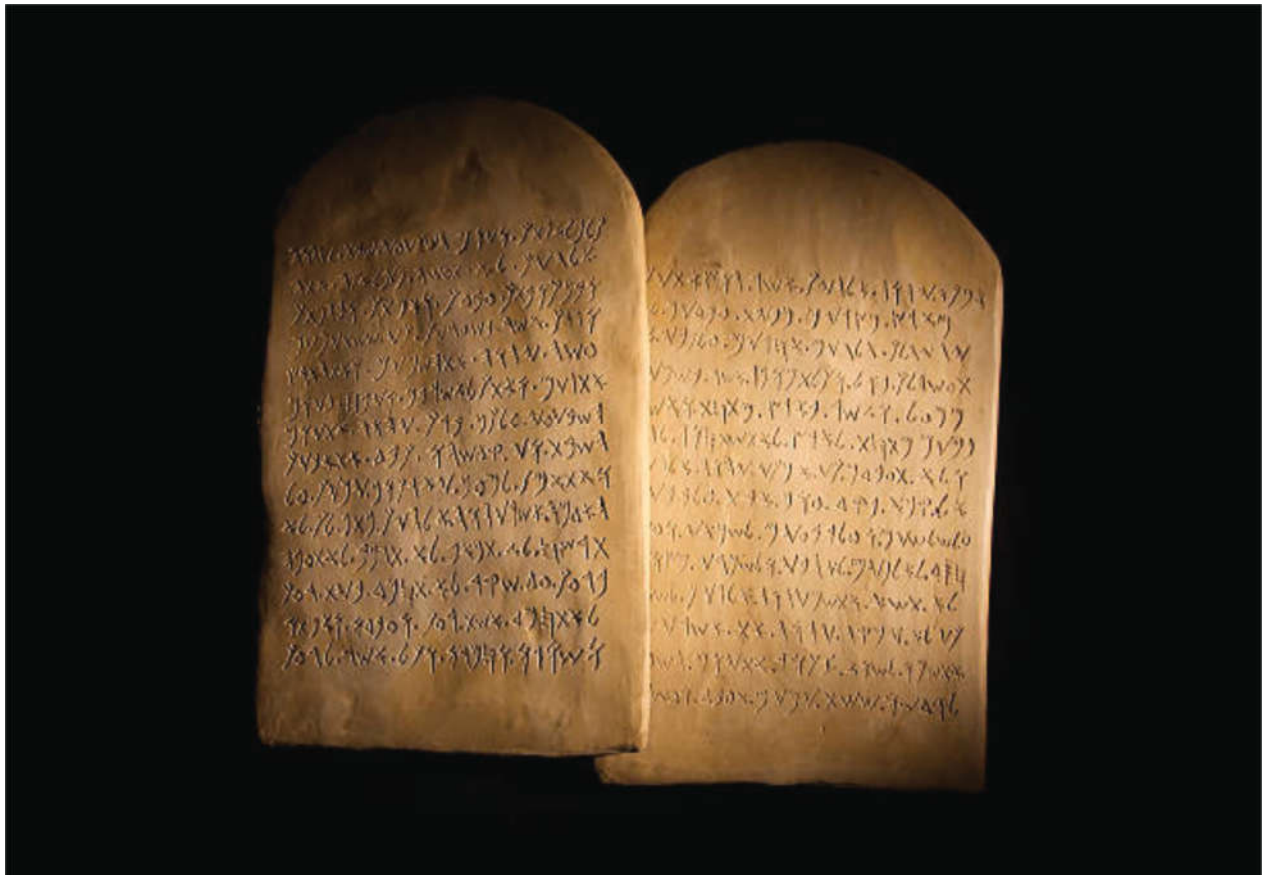
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Who is First Presbyterian Church?

We belong to the family of the Redeemed.
Transformed by the grace of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection,
we are delighting in the supremacy of God in all things
as we reach up to Him in worship,
reach in to one another with biblical teaching and shepherding care,
and reach out to the world with Christ.

So that in everything He might be preeminent.
Colossians 1:18

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here today to worship the Triune God with us. Our prayer is that we will delight to:

Glorify God in all things,
Trust him for all things,
Proclaim him as King over all things,
So that we might love God and others through all things.

Our worship begins with God calling us into worship from his Word; we respond in adoration and praise.

We then hear our God speak to us in his Word, profess our faith in him, confess our sins to him, and hear his assurance of our pardon by the work of Christ.

This leads to a response of rejoicing as we prepare to hear the Word of God preached. Our church practices expository preaching. This means that the Bible determines the content of the messages. The messages “come out of” the text. Ordinarily, we preach through books of the Bible; currently, we are working our way through Exodus.

In the book of Exodus we see the invisible hand of God leading God’s people out of their sin and slavery into the promised land where they can worship him according to the instructions he gives. We are always looking for how these stories and instructions point us to Christ and the gospel empowered way to live.

Our Elders have been praying for you. May you encounter God today through his Word and by the presence of his Spirit.

Warmly,
Pastor Andy

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Psalm 121:1-2

Where does our help come from?
Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Preparation for Worship

Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? May we approach you with the humility which is due to your greatness, and the hope that becomes your goodness. For though you are high, yet you have respect for the lowly; and though continually adored by thrones and dominions, principalities and powers, yet you despise not the prayer of the destitute, but will hear their prayer. Our fathers cried unto you and were delivered. They trusted in you and were not confounded. And you never said to the seed of Jacob, seek me in vain. Amen.

William Jay

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-9

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
he puts the deeps in storehouses.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

Hymn of Praise — Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. Frail as Sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face.



ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
praise him, still the same for - e - ver, slow to chide and swift to bless;
in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,



Praise him, praise him, praise him praise him, praise the e - ver - last - ing King.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of Grace.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Wonderful, Merciful Savior



1. Won - der - ful mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre-cious Re-deem-er and friend!
2. Coun-sel - or, Com-fort - er, Keep - er, Spi - rit we long to em - brace,
3. Al - might-y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing your own,



Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the souls of men? Oh_ you
you of - fer hope when our hearts have hope-less-ly lost the way, oh_ we've
here in our weak - ness you find us fall - ing be - fore your throne, oh_ we're



res - cue the souls of men!
hope-less - ly lost the way.
fall - ing be - fore your throne.

You are the one that we praise,—



you are the one we a - dore.— You give the heal-ing and grace our



hearts al - ways hun - ger for, oh_ our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

Scripture Reading — John 4:7-26

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’;¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.”²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.”²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.”²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.”²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

Profession of Faith — Heidelberg Catechism questions 96-98

What is God’s will for us in the second commandment?

That we in no way make any image of God nor worship him in any other way than has been commanded in God’s Word.

May we then not make any image at all?

God can not and may not be visibly portrayed in any way. Although creatures may be portrayed, yet God forbids making or having such images if one’s intention is to worship them or to serve God through them.

But may not images be permitted in churches in place of books for the unlearned?

No, we should not try to be wiser than God. God wants the Christian community instructed by the living preaching of his Word—not by idols that cannot even talk.

Song of Confession — Hear My Prayer (Psalm 86)

1. Hear my pray'r O Lord, and answer me; I am poor and need - y.
2. You O Lord, are good and for - giv - ing; give ear to my pray'r.

Save my life, for you are the on - ly God, for to you I cry.
Teach your way, so that I may walk in your truth; fix my heart to fear you.

You, O Lord, are full of mer - cy, gra - cious are you, O God,
Slow to an - ger, a - bound - ing in faith - ful - ness.

Turn to me, de - liv - er me, save me in your love.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
you made us in your image,

**with a mind to know you,
a heart to love you,
and a will to serve you.**

But our knowledge is imperfect,

**our love inconstant,
our obedience incomplete.**

Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.

**In your tender love, forgive us
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Assurance of Pardon — Colossians 1:13-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

To all who have received the Gospel,
know that in Christ, your sins are forgiven and be at peace.

Hymn of Rejoicing — Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re - deem - er. There is no
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
3. No fate I dread; I know I am for - giv - en. The fu - ture
4. With e - v'ry breath, I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for Heav-en now to_ give. He is my joy, my right-eous-ness and
side, the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak-ness and re -
sure; the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that he will bring me_ home. And day by day, I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead-fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I_
-joic - ing, for in my need his pow - er is dis-played. To this I_
par - don, and he was raised to o - ver-throw the grave. To this I_
-new me, un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I_



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my life is whol-ly bound to_ his. Oh how
hold: my shep-herd will de - fend me. Through the deep-est val - ley he will lead. Oh the
hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je sus now and e - ver is my plea. Oh the
hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry e - ver-more to_ him. When the



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strange and di - vine. I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
night has been won, and I shall o - ver-come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
chains are re - leased. I can sing: "I am free!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
race is com-plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Sermon

How We Worship
Exodus 20:4-6

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response — How Firm a Foundation



1. How_ firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is___
2. "Fear_ not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed; for___
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my___
6. "The_ soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose, I___

laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll
grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the
will not, I will not de - sert to his foes; that

more can he say than to you he has said, to___
strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand, up -
flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign your___
soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to shake, I'll___

you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
-held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
ne - ver, no ne - ver, no ne - ver for - sake."

Benediction – 1 Timothy 1:15-17

And now,
because of this trustworthy saying that Christ came into the world to save sinners,
remember the reason that you have received mercy,
that Jesus Christ may display his perfect patience in you,
as an example to those who are to believe in him for eternal life,
so that you may bring honor and glory to
the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God.
Amen.

News and Announcements

The candidate for Associate Pastor and his wife will be here on May 17. You will have a chance to interact with them during Adult Sunday School, 9:30-10:15, and at the Fellowship Lunch. Signup sheets for the Fellowship Lunch are on the hallway table.

Check your mailbox for the May 2026 Church Directory.

Please pick up baby bottles for the Plateau Pregnancy Services fundraiser on Mother's Day, May 10, and return them by Father's Day, June 21. Take one home and fill it with your change and dollars (*checks should be made payable to Plateau Pregnancy Services*). Return them to the table in the hallway. We ask you to be generous. Last year we raised \$3270 with the baby bottles. Remember these baby bottles will change lives!

First Catechism

What is the gospel and its reward?

God, the righteous Creator, rescues sinful people from separation to himself through Jesus' sinless life, death, and resurrection. Repenting of our sins and believing in Jesus' work unites us to Jesus and transforms us to grow in ways pleasing to God. The eternal presence of God is our reward!

Weeks 1-5 God

Weeks 6-12 Creation

Weeks 13-19 Fall/Sin

Weeks 20-28 Salvation by grace alone, through Christ alone

Weeks 29-30 Repentance and Faith

Weeks 31-48 Growing in Grace

Weeks 49-52 Heaven now and in the future

Week 36 - May 10

What is the second commandment?

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Study (all ages)	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m. On Break
Women's Monday Theology Study	2:00 p.m.
Men's Thursday Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Octogenarian/Nonagenarian (ON) Lunch	Monthly
Women's Tuesday Bible Study	9:30 a.m.

Our Missionary Family International

Lydia Goeglein, MTW Sofia Bulgaria
Brian & Becky Schrader, Pioneers in Africa
Lee Leadbetter, RUF International at UT
Julian & Rachel Bacon, MTW Brussels
Koos & Bhless Hagg, MTW, Southeast Asia

North America & Local

Plateau Pregnancy Services
Good Samaritans, 10th Street
RUF Tennessee Tech, Ryan Angel
Rural Church Development, Corey Pelton
Myers Park Initiative, Greg Salazar
Mercy Presbyterian, Rob Herron
Occom Ministries, Native American Initiative

Session

Andy Aikens TE, Senior Pastor
Robert Berman RE '27
Eric Larson RE '28
Jim Sparks RE '26
Richard Parks RE '27
Forrest Marion RE '26, Clerk

Deacons

Dave Miser '28, Chair
John Reed '26
Mike Tuuk '27
Greg Wood '28

Staff

Music/Sound Director	Matt Bundy
School of Music Director	April Stewart
Finance/Admin	Holly Kisly

Security Team

Today	Paul Folta/John Reed
Next Week	Bill Allbright

Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin
Children's Ministry	Hope Aikens

Greeters

Today	Bob & Sasha Graham
Next Week	Gary & Patti Thompson

Nursery

Today	Reba Norris Hope Aikens
Next Week	Nancy Tuuk Keely Ragle